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For: **ONLINE SHOPPING SETTLEMENT  
METHOD AND SYSTEM, AND ONLINE  
SHOPPING SETTLEMENT PROGRAM**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Rewrite claims 10, 11, 23, 24 and 35-37 as follows:

10. (Amended) An online shopping settlement method according to claim 5 wherein if at said step (b) an order slip is not recorded said order slip is not delivered to said Web server and if an order confirmation slip is not recorded said order confirmation slip is not delivered to said user terminal.

11. (Amended) An online shopping settlement method according to claim 5 wherein regardless of whether at said step (b) an order slip is recorded or not recorded said

order slip is delivered to said Web server and regardless of whether at said step (b) said order confirmation slip is recorded or not recorded said order confirmation slip is delivered to said user terminal.

23. (Amended) An online shopping settlement system according to claim 18 configured such that if said order slip recording means does not record an order slip said order slip monitoring means does not deliver said order slip to said Web server and if said order slip recording means does not record an order confirmation slip, said order slip monitoring means does not deliver said order confirmation slip to said user terminal.

24. (Amended) An online shopping settlement system according to claim 18 configured such that regardless of whether an order slip and order confirmation slip are recorded or not recorded through said order slip recording means, said order slip monitoring means delivers said order slip to said Web server and said order confirmation slip to said user terminal.

35. (Amended) An online shopping settlement program according to claim 30 facilitating operations such that if said order slip recording means does not record an order slip said order slip monitoring means does not deliver said order slip to said Web server and if said order slip recording means does not record an order confirmation slip, said order slip monitoring means does not deliver said order confirmation slip to said user terminal.

36. (Amended) An online shopping program according to claim 30 facilitating operations such that regardless of whether an order slip and/or order confirmation slip are

recorded or not recorded through said order slip recording means, said order slip monitoring means delivers said order slip to said Web server and said order confirmation slip to said user terminal.

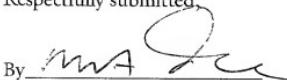
37. (Amended) An online shopping settlement program according to claim 30 facilitating operations such that said settlement means provides a means for calculating the online shopping charges that should be collected from said user based on said order slip and order confirmation slip recorded by said order slip recording means and requests payment therefor together with communication charges when invoicing said user terminal for communication charges.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in order to place the application in better form for examination. Favorable action on the application is solicited.

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**MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE**

10. (Amended) An online shopping settlement method according to [any of claims] claim 5[, 7 or 9] wherein if at said step (b) an order slip is not recorded said order slip is not delivered to said Web server and if an order confirmation slip is not recorded said order confirmation slip is not delivered to said user terminal.

11. (Amended) An online shopping settlement method according to [any of claims] claim 5[, 7 or 9] wherin regardless of whether at said step (b) an order slip is recorded or not recorded said order slip is delivered to said Web server and regardless of whether at said step (b) said order confirmation slip is recorded or not recorded said order confirmation slip is delivered to said user terminal.

23. (Amended) An online shopping settlement system according to [any of claims] claim 18[, 20 or 22] configured such that if said order slip recording means does not record an order slip said order slip monitoring means does not deliver said order slip to said Web server and if said order slip recording means does not record an order confirmation slip, said order slip monitoring means does not deliver said order confirmation slip to said user terminal.

24. (Amended) An online shopping settlement system according to [any of claims] claim 18[, 20 or 22] configured such that regardless of whether an order slip and order confirmation slip are recorded or not recorded through said order slip recording

means, said order slip monitoring means delivers said order slip to said Web server and said order confirmation slip to said user terminal.

35. (Amended) An online shopping settlement program according to [any of claims] ~~claim 30[, 32 or 34]~~ facilitating operations such that if said order slip recording means does not record an order slip said order slip monitoring means does not deliver said order slip to said Web server and if said order slip recording means does not record an order confirmation slip, said order slip monitoring means does not deliver said order confirmation slip to said user terminal.

36. (Amended) An online shopping program according to [any of claims] ~~claim 30[, 32 or 34]~~ facilitating operations such that regardless of whether an order slip and/or order confirmation slip are recorded or not recorded through said order slip recording means, said order slip monitoring means delivers said order slip to said Web server and said order confirmation slip to said user terminal.

37. (Amended) An online shopping settlement program according to [any of claims] ~~claim 30[, 32 or 34]~~ facilitating operations such that said settlement means provides a means for calculating the online shopping charges that should be collected from said user based on said order slip and order confirmation slip recorded by said order slip recording means and requests payment therefor together with communication charges when invoicing said user terminal for communication charges.